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STAFF MEETING MINUTES - 18 DECEMBER 1958 - OTHER PROJECTS

Personnel Present: Mr. Bissell

Mr. Cunningham

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CORONA:

Mr. Bissell characterized the review meeting on Project 117-L as having been successful. One major difference of opinion that developed was between ARPA and the Air Force on the priorities that should be assigned in 1961 as between a recoverable system and a telemetering system. The recoverable system, of course, places emphasis on high resolution while the telemetering system would give emphasis to rapid recovery of data. This difference of opinion was not resolved at the meeting and a reference to the assignment of priorities between the two systems was deleted from the summary paper.

Another point of discussion in the meeting was the timing of a possible surfacing of the "spy" satellite. If an attempt is to be made to carry the "Discoverer" program into 1960 (with CORONA launchings as an integral but covert part), then a rather extensive campaign must be begun now.

ACTION:

GUSTO:

Approval has been rather grudgingly given to further feasibility studies for a follow-on program to CHALICE. These will include wind tunnel and radar cross-section studies as well as mock-ups. A decision is yet to be made as to whether these studies will be applied to both the Convair and Lockheed proposals or whether one of them will be dropped entirely.

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